

VOTES

Both Houses of PARLIAMENT,
the 20th of May, 1642.

With the
Humble Petition
Of the
Lords and Commons
in Parliament assembled,

To the King's most Excellent Majesty
at F O R K E.

Also the Lord *Stamford's* report to the Parlia-
ment concerning the danger of *Hall* and His
Majesties Resolution to take up Armes.

With a Letter sent from a private Lord to the
Queenes Majestic.

Printed May 24. 1642.

Madame,

I Shall not adventure to write unto your Majestie with freedom, but by expresses, or till such time as I have a cipher, which I beseech your Majestie to vouchsafe me. At this time therefore I shall onely let your Majestie know where the humblest and most faithfull servant you have in the world is; Here at *Middleborough* where I shall remaine in the privatest way I can, till I receive instructions how to serve the King and your Majesty in their parts. If the King betake himselfe to a safe place, where he may avow and protect his servants from rage (*I mean*) and violence, for from Justice I will never implore it, I shall then live in impudence and in misery, till I waite upon you. But if after all he hath done of late, he shall betake himselfe to the easiest and complayantest wayes of accommodation: I am confident, that then I shall serve him more by my absence then by all my industry, and it will be a comfort to me in all calamities, and cannot serve you by my actions, that I may doe it in some kinde by my sufferings for your sake; having (*I promise God*) no measure of happiness or misfortune in this world, but what I derive from your Majesties value of my affection and fidelity.

Also the Lord
With a letter from a private Lord to the
James Majestie

Die Veneris, 20 Maii, 1642.

Resolved upon the Question by the
Lords and Commons, &c.

That it appeares, That the King, seduced by wicked Counsell, intends to make Warre against the Parliament, who (in all their Consultations and Affairs) have proposed no other end unto Themselves, but the care of His Kingdomes, and the performance of all Duty and Loyalty to His Person.

Resolved, &c.

That whensoever the King maketh Warre upon the Parliament, he is to be taken out of the Trust reposed in Him by His people, contrary

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try to His Oath, and tending to the dissolution of this Government.

Resolved, &c.

3. That whosoever shall Serve or Assist Him in such Warres, are Traytors by the Fundamental Lawes of this Kingdome, and have beene so adjudged by two Acts of Parliament, and ought to suffer as Traytors.
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It is appeared, That the King, for to shew, that he intended to make Warre against the Parliament, have proposed no other end unto themselves, but the case of His Kingdome, and the performance of all Duty and Loyalty to His

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Resolved, &c.

That whosoever the King maketh Warre, must respect in Him by His people; con-

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To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Petition of the Lords and Commons Assembled in

Parliament

Our Majesties, loyall Subjects the Lords and Commons in this Parliament do humbly represent unto Your Majesty That

notwithstanding Your frequent professions to Your Parliament and the Kingdom, and the late expression in Your Answer of the thirteenth of May, to the Petition of the County of Yorke, That Your desire and intention is onely the preserving of the true Protestant Pro-

Enion, the Lovers of the Land, the De-
 votes of Your People, and the Peace of
 the Kingdom; Nevertheless with great
 grief we perceive by Your Speech of the
 Twelfth of May, and the paper printed in
 Your Majesties name, in the forme of a
 Proclamation, bearing date the fourteenth
 of May, and other evidences, That under
 a colour of raising a Guard to secure your
 Person, of which Guard, considering the
 fidelity and care of Your Parliament,
 there can be no use; Your Majesty doth
 command Troopes both of Horse and
 Foot to assemble at *Torke*, the very begin-
 nings whereof were apprehended by the
 Inhabitants of that Countie to be an af-
 frightment and disturbance of Your Ma-
 jesties Liege People, as appears by their
 petition presented to Your Majesty, the
 continuing and increase of which Forces,
 is to Your Parliament, and must needs be
 a just cause of great jealousie and danger to
 Your whole Kingdom.

Therefore we do humbly beseech Your
 Majesty to disband all such Forces as by
 Your command are assembled; and gely-

ing for Your security as Your predecessours
have done upon the Lawes, and affection
of Your people, you will be pleased to de-
sist from any further Designes of this na-
ture, contenting your selfe with your usu-
all and ordinary Guards; otherwise we
shall hold our selves bound in duty to-
wards God, and the trust reposed in us by
the People, and the Fundamentall Lawes
and Constitutions of this Kingdom, to
imploy our care and utmost care to secure
the Parliament, and to preserve the peace
and quiet of this Kingdom.

Die Lunæ, 23 Maii, 1642.

O *Ordered by the Lords in Parliament, That
these Votes, and this Petition shall be forth-
with printed and published.*

Jo. Brown, Cleric. Parl.

The Lord *Stamford* report
to the Parliament.

The Earle of *Stamford* (one of the Com-
mittees sent to *Hull*) being returned gave
a satisfactory account of his fidelity, ac-
quainting the House farther of the generall
feare in those parts, of His Majesties inten-
tion to raise Armes against His Parlia-
ment.

And for the safer keeping of *Hull* Sir *John*
Hotham desired that some ships might bee
sent to lie in the River, and that the Garri-
son might be enlarged, (which without
doubt) will be effectually performed.

There is a Contention and Mutiny at
Newcastle, it was supposed, that His Maje-
stie would have taken that for His Fort, and
some were resolved to assist His Majestie,
others the Parliament, w^{ch} was the greatest
part. And report hereof being made to the
House of Commons, a Committee was ap-
pointed last Munday of this present mo-
neth to sit, touching the differences be-
tween the Major, and Tovvnsmen of *New-*
castle, further examination being taken
therein.

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